

I support this as the best choice for Amateur Radio's future.  
This is a hobby which has spurred the very existence of the FCC and the modern communications which we have today.

Removing all technical challenges and tossing the doors open is an insult to the very foundation of radio. There is no need to dumb down the hobby!

Morse Code should be retained to gain privileges in the HF band.  
The current Tech license is easy enough as it is to gain the interest of very young children who become licensed operators.

If everything were free... would it still have a value? I think not.  
Simply look at the 11 meter band in its unchecked "wild" condition.  
We need to retain a high standard in the technical field, with operators who are proud of their efforts and are willing to protect the spectrum. Removing the code will drive away many with the skills which the hobby is based upon.

This should not be, nor never have been, a mob rule movement as it presently is.

Keep the code.

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